Rosy Cheeks Nursery (Star Academy)



STAR ACADEMY SCHOOL, Burnaby Road, Stoke On Trent, ST6 5PT

Inspection date	14 November 2016
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and ma	nagement	Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and asses	sment	Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and v	welfare	Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- A strong management team is in place. They actively reflect on how to improve their setting and ensure they drive improvement with the help of the whole staff team.
- Staff undertake a wide range of short training courses selected to help them develop an expert knowledge which meets children's learning needs. This has a very positive effect on the teaching provided and their ability to support children's development.
- Professional collaborations are very strong. Close working relationships with the school develop staff's ability to prepare children for future learning. Advice from other professionals on a range of speech and other development issues is quickly acted on.
- The animated and enthusiastic way staff work with children makes learning fun and engaging. Staff are skilled at using effective questioning and suggestions to support young children to concentrate, experiment and investigate for extended periods.
- There is a very positive atmosphere with a strong team spirit among the staff. They develop very good independence skills in the children who all demonstrate a 'can do' attitude to making the most of the vibrant learning experiences provided.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Parents of children new to the nursery do not always receive the highest quality information about how they can support their child's learning at home and help ensure they are fully prepared to start school.
- Children are not encouraged enough to develop a deeper understanding of why hygiene routines are important to ensure they have a growing knowledge of how to keep themselves healthy.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- give parents high-quality support to guide their children's learning at home and play an active role in preparing them for school
- help children to develop a better understanding of how hygiene practices, such as nose blowing and managing coughing, contribute towards keeping themselves and others healthy.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities, indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and the provider. She looked at relevant documentation, such as the self-evaluation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery.
- The inspector spoke to parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Sarah Rhodes

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The nursery provides targeted sessional care for two- and three-year-old children to increase their skills and ensure where necessary that additional help is in place before they start school. The manager observes staff's teaching and gives valuable feedback to improve the delivery of activities. There is a happy, dynamic atmosphere and staff are actively engaged with the children making every part of the day a learning experience. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. All staff have a good understanding of what would constitute a safeguarding concern. They confidently work with a range of other professionals to ensure concerns are quickly addressed.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff use a range of teaching methods to enthuse the children. They provide a wide range of experiences for children to choose from, both indoors and outside. They develop confident children who are active learners. During activities, such as mixing a range of materials into a potion, children are encouraged to make their own choices. Staff ask questions which make children think and solve problems for themselves. If necessary, they help children's thinking by providing a range of suggestions. Children's opinions are always valued. Children's language skills are actively supported through the rich vocabulary used by staff. Targeted speech and language programmes are used with children who need extra support. Staff pitch activities at the correct levels to allow children to make progress and do not underestimate what they can achieve.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff use a range of techniques to manage children's behaviour. Clear routines and simple rules mean they know what is expected of them and why. Visual timetables and a traffic light system provide all children, including those who speak English as an additional language, with visual reminders of what is happening next. This prepares them for times of change during the session. Snack times are used as a learning experience. Young children use cutlery with dexterity as they butter their own crackers.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are making good progress based on their starting points and gaps in attainment are narrowing. The manager analyses children's progress to make sure she identifies groups of children who are progressing less quickly and puts plans in place to address any emerging issues. This allows additional support to be in place for children who have special educational needs and disabilities prior to them starting school. Young children enjoy exploring the wide range of activities provided and develop a strong sense of curiosity. They move freely around the room with confidence and purpose. They take part in small-group times, developing their ability to focus and follow direction. Staff ensure children who have limited speech also make choices by using pictures to indicate their preferences.

Setting details

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Type of provision Sessional provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Age range of children 2 - 3

Total number of places 12

Number of children on roll 15

Name of registered person Rosy Cheeks Nurseries Ltd

Registered person unique

reference number

RP903504

Date of previous inspectionNot applicable

Telephone number 01782 235055

Rosy Cheeks Nursery (Star Academy) was registered in 2014. The nursery employs four members of childcare staff, all of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday, term time only. Sessions are from 9am until 12 midday and from 12.30pm until 3.30pm. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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